

Appl. No. 10/736,271
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fibrous fabric comprising hollow monocomponent polymeric fibers having a fiber diameter of greater than about 10 micrometers and less than about 20 micrometers, the hollow monocomponent fibers comprising an outer perimeter and a hollow region having a perimeter, wherein the perimeter of the hollow region is substantially non-concentric to the outer perimeter of the hollow monocomponent polymeric fiber.
2. (Currently Amended) The fibrous fabric of Claim 1, wherein the perimeter of the hollow region of the hollow monocomponent polymeric fibers is substantially non-circular.
3. (Currently Amended) The fibrous fabric of Claim 1, wherein the hollow region of the hollow monocomponent polymeric fiber is from about 5% to about 40%.
4. (Currently Amended) The fibrous fabric of Claim 1, wherein the hollow monocomponent polymeric fiber has a diameter of from about 10 microns to about 100 microns.
5. (Currently Amended) The fibrous fabric of Claim 1, wherein the hollow monocomponent polymeric fiber is comprised of a thermoplastic polymeric material selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyethylene, polyester, polyamide, polyimide, polylactic acid, polyhydroxyalkanoate, polyvinyl alcohol, polyacrylates, and mixtures thereof.
6. (Currently Amended) The fibrous fabric of Claim 1, wherein the hollow monocomponent polymeric fiber is comprised of a non-thermoplastic material selected from the group consisting of viscose rayon, lyocell, cotton, wood pulp, and mixtures thereof.

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7. (Original) The fibrous fabric of Claim 1, wherein the polymeric material is blended with particulates comprised of materials selected from the group consisting of titanium dioxide, calcium carbonate, colored pigments, and mixtures thereof.
8. (Currently Amended) The fibrous fabric of Claim 5, wherein the hollow monocomponent polymeric fiber is blended with non-thermoplastic polymeric fibers.
9. (Original) The fibrous fabric of Claim 8, wherein the non-thermoplastic polymeric fibers have a hollow region.
10. (Original) The fibrous fabric of Claim 9, wherein a perimeter of the hollow region of the hollow non-thermoplastic polymeric fibers is substantially non-concentric to an outer perimeter of the hollow non-thermoplastic polymeric fibers.
11. (Currently Amended) A fibrous fabric comprising hollow monocomponent polymeric fibers having a fiber diameter of greater than about 10 micrometers and less than about 20 micrometers, the hollow monocomponent fibers which comprise a polymeric material and have a hollow region, wherein the fibrous fabric has an opacity greater than a fibrous fabric produced with the same polymeric material at an equivalent fiber diameter and basis weight.
12. (Currently Amended) The fibrous fabric of Claim 11, wherein the hollow region has a perimeter and the perimeter of the hollow region is substantially non-concentric to an outer perimeter of the hollow monocomponent polymeric fibers.
13. (Currently Amended) The fibrous fabric of Claim 11, wherein the perimeter of the hollow region of the hollow monocomponent polymeric fibers is substantially non-circular.
14. (Original) A wet wipe comprising the fibrous fabric of Claim 1.
15. (Original) The wet wipe of Claim 14 having a wet opacity greater than a wet wipe comprising the same polymeric material at an equivalent fiber diameter and basis weight.
16. (Original) A wet wipe comprising the fibrous fabric of Claim 10.

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17. (Original) The wet wipe of Claim 16 that has a wet opacity greater than a wet wipe comprising the same polymeric material at an equivalent fiber diameter and basis weight.
18. (Original) The fibrous fabric of Claim 1 wherein the fibrous fabric has an opacity greater than a fibrous fabric comprising concentric hollow fibers comprising the same material and having an equivalent fiber diameter and basis weight.
19. (Original) The fibrous fabric of Claim 10 wherein the fibrous fabric has an opacity greater than a fibrous fabric comprising concentric hollow fibers comprising the same material and having an equivalent fiber diameter and basis weight.
20. Canceled